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CASUALTY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, UK, (HEDLEY, MARY LOUISE)
SUBJ: DEATH OF USC: MARY LOUISE HEDLEY

REF: LONDON 14619

TO: JOHN S. BOWERS
6606 HIDDENITE COURT
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310
TEL. (703) 971-0571

1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST CONFIRM TO YOU
THE DEATH OF YOUR SISTER, MARY LOUISE HEDLEY ON
SEPTEMBER 12, 1978. QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, LONDON,
INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LONDON ON SEPT. 13,
1978 OF HER DEATH FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED FROM SEVERE
BURNS. AN AUTOPSY AND INQUEST WILL BE MANDATORY.

2. IDENTIFICATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY HER FRIEND
MR. JEFF DENOE, AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN.

3. THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE
CAN. IT IS UNFORTUNATE AT THIS SAD TIME THAT I MUST
ALSO IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE URGENT NEED
FOR MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. MOST AMERICANS WHO
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DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE
BURIAL TAKE PLACE IN BRITAIN THE EMBASSY AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS WILL TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CARE TO FOLLOW YOUR
WISHES AS TO CEREMONY AND SITE OF BURIAL.

(A) THE COST FOR BURIAL IN BRITAIN IS APPROXIMATELY
\$900.00.

(B) THE COST FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHES IN

BRITAIN IS APPROXIMATELY \$600.00.

4. SHOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S. FOR BURIAL, THE COSTS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF AIR FREIGHT AND EMBALMING.

(A) THE TOTAL COST FOR PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT TO CALIFORNIA IS APPROXIMATELY \$1300.00 (AIR SHIPMENT \$600.00 PREPARATION \$700.00).

(B) THE COST FOR CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF ASHES IS APPROXIMATELY \$650.00.

I MUST POINT OUT THAT PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN SOME CASES THE SERVICES DIFFER FROM THOSE EXPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR LOCAL FUNERAL DIRECTOR BE ASKED TO DETERMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF VIEWING THE REMAINS AFTER THE BODY ARRIVES IN THE U.S.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED, INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL

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VIA WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
SCS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, INCLUDING NAME OF DECEASED,
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LONDON. THE
FUNERAL DIRECTOR YOU SELECT MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU
GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE. FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU
MAY REQUIRE, TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SCS,
WASHINGTON, D.C. TELEPHONE (202) 632-1423 OR 632-2172
DURING THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 5:30 PM EST. AFTER THAT
TIME (202) 655-4000.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
HOWEVER DUE TO THE PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE A THREE DAY INTERVAL
BETWEEN RECEIPT OF FUNDS AND SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS.

7. THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE
OF ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS AND AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO
THEIR DISPOSITION.

8. AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, (USUALLY SIX TO
EIGHT WEEKS), A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED
BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YTU. THIS DOCUMENT
IS BASED ON THE BRITISH DEATH CERTIFICATE AND CAN BE
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USED IN U.S. COURTS TO SETTLE ESTATE MATTERS.

9. AFTER ALL THE MORTICIAN AND AIRLINES BILLS HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED AND PAID YOU WILL BE SENT AN ITEMIZED
ACCOUNTING OF FINAL COSTS AND ANY BALANCE WILL BE
RETURNED TO THE DEPOSITOR OF THE FUNDS.

10. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION,
OR CONSULAR DUTY OFFICER, OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BY
PHONING 01-499-9000 IN LONDON.

11. MAY I EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR
BEREAVEMENT.

CONSULAR SERVICES OFFICER
AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON

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